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MEMORIAL DAY.

PLANS are on the way for proper observation of Memorial Day in Fairmont, and The West Virginian hopes that the day will be carried out in full formality and dignity, and that the occasion will be an impressive one.

There has been too much tendency in the past few years to "celebrate" Memorial Day. The term is distinctly out of place in connection with the meaning of the day. Memorial Day should be observed with every reverence, and every acknowledgment of the debt of a nation to her soldier dead, but it has been permitted to edge too closely to a "holiday" to please the person who does not realize the profound import of this day set apart.

There were many residents who shrank from the program carried out on Memorial Day last year. It was more a day of jubilation over a wonderful municipal accomplishment than it was a day given over to the remembrance of those who died to preserve a nation. It is human nature to dread a solemn occasion, to desire that a day freed from every day employment should be one of enjoyment and gaiety, but humanity has a duty on Memorial Day, and that duty is to show gratitude, reverence, and respect for thousands upon thousands of brave men who gave up the sunshine and went out from earthly life to protect, and to preserve this country which the people today enjoy and rejoice in.

Let Fairmont's Memorial Day be one in keeping with its purpose. There are other holidays to be given over to gaiety and laughter, many of them. Memorial Day is different. The public should be proud to make it so. Let it bring its tribute not only to the soldier dead, but to the soldier living. There are yet men of the army blue to honor. Life speeds so swift ahead that age often finds itself swept aside completely, and becomes convinced that nothing of the past matters to the present generation. Memorial Day is a day to prove the untruth of this idea. It is also a day to spoil the world war veteran—to tell him again how proud the people are of him, and to make him understand that the public may appear indifferent but that it is far from actually being indifferent. Let the whole city join in whole heartedly with the plans of the committee in charge as soon as they are announced, and let this occasion be one of proper dignity and reverence, not given over to merriment and selfish pleasure.

WHY NOT PROTECT THE ORCHARDS.

AFTER reading about the loss suffered by fruit-growers of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia in the recent freeze, a damage that is said by the Department of Agriculture to reach the sum of seven millions of dollars in Virginia alone, the wonder arises that some action toward protecting the trees from frost is not instituted by the growers upon whom this loss falls so heavily.

In the lemon, orange and grapefruit districts the groves are thickly dotted with smudge pots. On cold night these are fired, and the crops are very

successfully protected from damage. Fruit-growers of this and neighboring states claim that the installation of the smudge pots is too costly for them to undertake. Just how expensive a proposition of this kind may be, The West Virginian is not prepared to state, but surely the protection given the crops would very shortly pay for itself even though the initial expense were ever so extravagant. Seven million dollars would surely purchase quite a number of smudge pots.

Virginia and West Virginia fruit-growers are now facing their third bad season, and many of them are on the verge of bankruptcy because of it. Orchards demand expensive care all of the time, if they are to be kept in good condition, and many men have put their last penny in the preparation of the trees for the crop that is now not to be harvested. If a grower had gone to the additional expense of providing adequate protection against the frost this spring, his crop would have meant almost a fortune in the face of the general shortage. It does not seem possible that the expense of installing smudge pots can over-balance the gain in saving the crop. Whenever a severe frost or freeze comes it is bound to catch thousands of unprotected trees and to mean that a first-class market will be on hand for every bit of fruit that escapes. One such top-notch season means a lot of money for the man with the apples.

PANIC AND MUSICIANS.

THE collapse of the upper deck of the steamer Island Queen at Point Pleasant during the Grant celebration a few days ago, recorded the usual bravery and coolness on the part of the musicians in a moment of peril. The Eleventh Division Band, in the midst of the general panic and the cries of the hysterical and injured, kept on with its music without a pause. So far as these bandmen knew the steamer might be sinking, and their own danger very real, but there were no faltering notes, no weakening in the gay insouciance of the music that endeavored to tell the frightened people that calmness was best, and self-control necessary.

Seldom is it recorded that a band of musicians ever fail to do their utmost to control a panic. Above the choking smoke in the theater fire waves the brave bating of the orchestra leader. Under the groaning, cracking horror of the collapsing roof the smooth notes of the violin unwavering proceed. The crash of the collapsing grandstand does not drown the voice of the cornet as it rises like a challenge to fright and unreason. The American people will live a long, long time before they forget the band on the steamship Titanic, the members of which played themselves straight to the gates of heaven, the solemn purity in the music of their last number, "Nearer My God to Thee," floating out over the waves that were waiting to receive them as the gigantic ocean palace went down.

While the World War carried no ruffle of drums in its charges, no bugle that summoned the attack, yet in all preceding warfare the drum and the bugle led on in the face of the fire, in the very teeth of the foe. Uniforms and gilt braid do not make the soldier nor the hero, but it seems that a baton or a trombone, or a violin, will, for it seldom happens that the owner of one fails to do his duty when the need arises. Countless have been saved by the coolness of the musicians, who played a panicky crowd to silence and quiet that meant unharmed escape from almost certain death. The band at Point Pleasant lived up to traditions, and performed its duty with the customary bravery of the musician. All honor to them.

It does not seem exactly right that any store should feature a window display that would in any way illustrate the ease with which "home brew" can be made and thus exert an influence to lead persons into difficulty. The firms that make a display of "home brew" makings, or of things that hint of this evasion of the law are not exerting a good influence in the community. Their better judgment should prevail, and while there may be nothing in such a display that goes squarely against the law, yet the hint is broad and no good citizen interested in the welfare of his community will persist in this kind of intimation.

Numbers of local women are in Grafton today attending a district missionary convention. Fairmont women have a prominent part in the program and also are serving as district officers in the society. It is a pleasing thing to see the leadership of the women of this city. There is scarcely a district or state organization which does not number in its personnel of officers, one or more Fairmont women. They have a wide reputation for intelligence and tact, and they seldom fail to conduct any organization business in other than highly satisfactory manner.

because Lulu Peters wrote 127 pages about it, and besides all the members of the local Women's Club are talking about the calorie. Now you know the members of the Women's Club never take up anything serious unless it is serious. Selath.

NEWCOMERS OF SPRING.

The little speckle-breasted brown wood thrush has made his appearance in Fairmont and residents who do not on him and watch and listen eagerly for his first notes and a sight of his golden brown little body were delighted Saturday and Sunday when his song was heard and he was seen hopping about the lawns of several residences.

On one certain lawn with him yesterday were a pair of cardinals, a pair of Jenny Wrens, a pair of catbirds and a number of robins. The cardinals and wrens stay the year around but the catbirds, thrushes and orioles are only summer guests.

The oriole has arrived too. Usually he comes with the blossoms of the apple trees. On several tall trees in Fairmont avenue he was noticed by those who are interested in bird lore. His golden plumage and chirp are interpreted as a farewell to wintry blasts.

On the back porch of a Locust avenue home a pair of wrens have already brought into the world a nestful of young birds.

The brown thrush usually arrives about the 19th of April, but it is thought the cold weather and frosts delayed somewhat his appearance this year.

Thirteen different religious beliefs are represented among the girls living in the Y. M. C. A. home in St. Louis.

RUFF STUFF

This is Children's Week and it is being properly observed according to reports from local churches, indicating that children have no altogether gone out of style.

EDITORS: In foregoing, fifteen words down, make it read "From local hospitals," etc., instead "from local churches," etc. You may figure that one out for yourself. —R. S.

We're making an investigation of this Week proposition, and we find that if this is an average week then there must be 500 or 600 of them altogether in an ordinary calendar year. This is Children's Week, Boy's Week, Clean-Up Week, Accident Prevention Week, Anti-Fly Week and Goodness Knows How Many Other Weeks.

Weeks we'd like to have campaigned about: Love-Your-Own-Wife Week, Kill-Your-Neighbors-Children Week, Don't-Eat-an-Orion-Daily Week and Watch-Your-Brain-Grow Week.

"A soft tie turneth away cash" screams an automobile advertiser and there are eighteen more "Poc-Richard Up-to-date's" in the list. May we not add: "A fool steps on it where an angel fears to tread the pedal?"

Guess that cat we've been hearing so much realized the seriousness of this coal strike and started in to conserve all the available food.

Three airplanes passed over the city yesterday. If this section of

the state is running true to form there will be a nice supply of the Demon at large for the next week or two.

That airplanes are booze-carriers isn't even modern, though. Dost thou recall back in old Athens how Euripides used to command us: "Take up the wine and see that thou placest it rightly!"

And if some folk had only known in advance that Ruff Stuff was going to umpire a ball game yesterday,—well we imagine the attendance would have been much larger.

And today the office force might have been filling by his pier.

But as it is, let him buy a coke.

Berton Braley's Poem

THE GOOD OLD STUFF
The novel realistic with an outlook pessimistic
Has, at present, quite a literary vogue;

And there's always an attraction in a novel full of action
Where the hero gets the better of a rogue.

Then the analytic study of a soul that's rather muddy
Gives the hyper-cultured reader quite a whiff
But the novelist's endeavor that is popular forever
Is the story of a Fellow and a Girl!

Tales of superheated passion are at certain times in fashion
And the socialistic novel often scores;
And the volume where the cynic holds a sort of social clinic
Is the thing one type of reader most adores;

But the tale that hits all classes, from the highbrows to the masses,
And that vetoes our sleeping pulses in a whirl
Is the book whose glamor hovers 'round a pair of youthful lovers.

Just the story of a Fellow and a Girl!

How we joy to feel the splendor of a love that's sweet and tender,
How we ache to make the lovers' pathway smooth;
How we agonize to aid them when their troubles have waylaid them.

How we'd like a chance to counsel them and soothe!
Masterpieces grim and tragic lack this blithe eternal magic
That makes all our hidden sentiments untried.

Oh there's nothing else that fills us with a happy glow and thrills us
Like the story of a Fellow and a Girl!

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FRUIT CROP TO BE SAME AS LAST YEAR

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., May 2.—The first complete report on the fruit damage caused in West Virginia by the frosts and continued cold weather were made public here today by the state experiment station, showing that there will be little, if any, more fruit this year than in 1921. The losses to fruit growers all over the state will probably mount into millions of dollars.

The fruit injury has varied widely with the localities, there being some sections which seem to have entirely missed the killing frosts. The great Eastern Panhandle fruit district indicates a complete loss of all "stone" fruits and from 50 to 90 per cent injury to apples. However, some growers are optimistic and feel that the York Imperial pears, which grow to their finest state of perfection in this state, will escape half crop.

The higher central section of the state, including Braxton, Upshur, and Webster counties, escaped with little or no injury. What injury occurred was confined to the low ground and the cherries on the high land. The majority of orchards in this section will probably have such heavy settings of fruit that thinning will be necessary.

In the counties of Harrison, Lewis, Monongalia, and Martin, the loss is as severe as in any section of the state, and is estimated at from 75 per cent damage to a complete loss.

The Northern Panhandle, because of its relatively late blooming period, indicates another good crop this year. It was the only section of West Virginia to come through with a good crop in 1921, reporting 75 per cent.

Some Ohio River sections report heavy loss, as in Ohio County, while others in Tyler and Pleasants counties indicate a crop of fifty per cent or more of apples.

The fruit and cherry on the high land, though some fruit should be had from the secondary buds.

Complete reports from the eighteen leading fruit counties of the state shows 59 per cent of the apples killed, which means a crop that is not more than 40 per cent of the fine 1920 crop. The peaches will not turn over 20 per cent, plums 10 per cent, pears 5 per cent and cherries 18 per cent of the bumper fruit yields in 1920.

Settlement of Differences in Ireland Now Promising

DUBLIN, May 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—Southern Ireland today awaited the first results of the definite move to unite the contending military factions, taken at an unheralded conference here yesterday.

Ten army officers, five of them of the dissenting section of the I. R. A., signed a statement agreeing to "army unification" on the basis of holding elections "with a view to forming a government which will have the confidence of the whole country," and recognition of the fact admitted on all sides that a majority of the people of Ireland are willing to accept the peace treaty.

EVERY BIT OF DULLNESS disappears with a Golden Gint Shamboo.—Adv.

LEGION MAKES PLAN FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Committees Named by Fairview Post to Arrange for Observance.

FAIRVIEW, May 2.—Members of the Paw Paw Post of the American Legion met last night in the K. of P. Hall with the largest number of members present of any meeting this year. With Carl Gedel in the chair as post commander, the meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock and discussions of plans for a memorial day program took up more than one hour of the session.

Committees were named to get in touch with various organizations and business houses in order to get co-operation of all interested citizens and to work out plans for the celebration. The committees were named for arranging the minor details connected with the celebration and who will also arrange entertainment, plan parades and send out letters inviting other organizations to cooperate.

The committees were as follows: General Committee—C. C. Tustin, chairman, W. G. Powell, Jesse P. West, Adrian Haught, John Shriver, Frank Parker, James Long; financial committee—C. C. Tustin, chairman, Clyde Haught, W. H. Toothman; entertainment committee—C. C. Tustin, chairman, Carl Gedel, Dr. G. W. Pelling, W. H. Toothman and Leo L. Eddy.

Following the discussions of a Decoration Day program, the question was raised whether or not the Legion would support a baseball team. By a standing vote it was learned that all members are interested in this branch of athletics. Consequently C. C. Tustin was named manager of the Legion team.

Wasps' Nests Ignite.
An attempt of Nick Yost to do stunts with wasp nests in the eaves of his dwelling near Merchant street last Saturday by applying a lighted match all but proved disastrous. The dry lumber soon ignited and the whole roof seemed on fire.

However, in a short time Nick and others who volunteered to act as a fire department had the blaze under control, and the building itself suffered but little damage.

Progressive Club.
An organization known as "The Men's Progressive Bible Club" has been organized in the local M. E. Church, South, and will meet weekly on Tuesday nights. The organization was brought about by the desire of certain members of the church to learn more of the Scriptures and to increase the efficiency of the church by prayer and service. The new organization will not interfere with regular prayer meeting which will be held weekly on Wednesday nights.

Sanitary Committee.
A committee of three men met last night and perfected plans for a general cleaning of the lawn surrounding the M. E. Church, South, and a general cleaning of the building. The Rev. I. S. Tyler, aided by A. J. Haught and William Fox, worked with lawn mower and pitchfork last evening with the laws and will continue evening by evening until the buildings are put in an orderly and sanitary condition.

May Day Program.
The May Day program which was scheduled to be given by the high school class in physical culture yesterday afternoon had to be postponed until today at 2:30 because of the absence of the teacher, Miss Caroline Sumpter. The program which was given this afternoon in the high school auditorium was well attended and met with the appreciation of the several patrons who were present, according to late reports.

Wednesday Night Pictures.
Principal C. E. Boyer of the local high school has announced the picture for the weekly Wednesday night show in the high school auditorium tomorrow night to be a Paramount picture featuring Wallace Reid in "Egg Crate Wallop."

In addition to this five reel picture a two reel comedy will be shown as an added attraction. Wally is very popular with local movie fans and it is probable that a large crowd will be present to see him in this unusual picture.

Colored Singers Coming.
The Dunbar High School jubilee singers are scheduled to appear in the local high school auditorium Saturday night in negro spiritual, southern melodies and glee club work. These singers are selected from the students of the colored high school at Fairmont and are already famed for their harmonious singing. This is the first appearance for a colored troupe in Fairview for several years, and it is likely that standing room only will be available at 8 o'clock, the time set for the beginning of the performance.

Class Sermon May 21.
The Rev. J. C. Zuckley of the Diamond Street Methodist Church, Fairmont has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual class sermon to the graduates of Fairview High School on Saturday, May 21. This completes the list of speakers for commencement week, and the exercises as a whole promise to be the best this year in the history of the school. As was announced several days ago, former Governor John J. Cornwell will deliver the commencement address on the evening of May 26. Twenty five boys and girls will complete the course this year.

Classes Re-Organized.
The Southern Methodist Sunday School is to undergo a complete reorganization next Sunday morning, according to an announcement made by superintendent C. S. McElroy. Teachers and class officers will be selected by the students and each class will be a unit for transacting business as well as an organized group for the study of the Bible.

Personals.
Miss Ethyl Pyles, who taught in Monongalia County during this school year, has returned to her home at Finchley street after a successful term at Willow Fork. She is making preparation to enter the Normal School at Fairmont to complete the course given in that institution for teachers.

Bernard Gorman and Paul R. Maness spent the week end with Isaac Haught at Miracle Run.

W. D. Yost and Herbert Fox were transacting business in Fairmont yesterday.

Beulah Burton, Zelma and Ethyl Pyles were among those who attended teachers' meeting at Daybrook last Friday night.

Paul R. Maness gave an oration at Haught's Chapel and Highland Chapel Sunday morning and afternoon, respectively, on the subject, "Growing Character."

Mrs. Jesse Wilson was visiting her mother in law, Mrs. J. P. Wilson in Main street, yesterday.

Several fans accompanied the local high school baseball team to Fairmont yesterday.

John Shriver of Wadestown was a business visitor in Fairview yesterday.

"Abe" Wilson has taken first place in four track events to date: discus, hammer, javelin and high jump.

McCORMACK SAILS.
NEW YORK, May 2.—John McCormack was so far recovered from his recent illness that he was a passenger today with his wife and family on the Aquitania bound for a rest ad visit to his home in Athlone.

TWO MEN KILLED TODAY IN UNDERWORLD FEUD

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Two men were shot and killed early today in what police believe was an underworld feud. Two conflicting accounts of the affair, which occurred in a house at 1025 Mellon street, are being investigated.

Harry Stinger, 35, who died in a hospital a short time after the shooting, confessed he had killed "Buck" Bally in a pistol duel. Five shots took effect in Bally's body. Stinger's story was that the men had quarreled over a woman, police said.

Another version of the affair was given by Hyman Gold, arrested after the shooting. He said Stinger and Bally were shot by six men

who drove to the house in an automobile and began firing wildly in the parlor. The woman, named by Stinger as the cause of the shooting, escaped, police said.

Helen Lewis, said to be proprietor of the rooming house where the pistol battle took place, was taken into custody and is held for questioning.

THOUSANDS STARVING.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Thousands of Indian laborers in the Fiji Islands are starving and total loss of the sugar and coconut crops is threatened as a result of the strike of 60,000 workers protesting against a cut of 20 cents a day in wages, according to an account of conditions given today by the head of the British Missions, B. V. Raju, sent from India to investigate the situation.

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